

### Public Passenger Vehicle Services

**3.345 Public Passenger Vehicle Services - License and/or Permit Required.**

- (1) No person or business may operate a public passenger vehicle company without a public passenger vehicle company license; however, an unlicensed public passenger vehicle operating outside the jurisdictional limits of Eugene and Springfield may deliver a fare from outside those limits to a location within the limits, and if the vehicle waits for the person, retrieve the person for the return trip back outside the jurisdictional limits. No unlicensed public passenger vehicle company may solicit or accept any passenger within the city limits except as provided in this subsection. No public passenger vehicle may operate at the Eugene Airport unless authorized by the Airport to do so.
- (2) No public passenger vehicle company may use in its operation a motorized vehicle which lacks a public passenger vehicle permit.
- (3) No person may drive a motorized public passenger vehicle, and no public passenger vehicle company may hire a person as a driver, either as an employee or an independent contractor, unless that person possesses a valid public passenger vehicle driver certification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person who has applied for such a certification may drive a taxicab if the person has obtained from the city a temporary certification; such certification shall not be valid for more than 30 days, or until the city grants or denies the person's application for a public passenger vehicle driver certification, whichever is sooner.
- (4) No public passenger vehicle company may locate any part of its operation in a residential zone unless expressly authorized by the city manager or designee pursuant to this code or the Springfield Code.
- (5) All public passenger vehicle companies shall provide the city manager or designee with written notice of the maximum rate to be charged passengers. No public passenger vehicle company shall change its maximum rate without first providing the city manager or designee with a minimum of ten days advance written notice of the new rate. No public passenger vehicle company shall charge more than the rate on file with the city. Upon request, the city manager may exempt, by administrative order, a public passenger vehicle company from the provisions of this section if the public passenger vehicle company does not operate any taxicabs.
- (6) The actual fare charged for each trip by a taxicab shall not exceed the higher of either:
  - (a) The meter calculated rate, including authorized and posted surcharges, or
  - (b) The minimum fare as posted on the interior and exterior of the vehicle.

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- (7) The city manager shall adopt rules setting standards and establishing requirements for public passenger vehicle companies; public passenger vehicles; public passenger vehicle drivers; and the issuance of licenses for companies, permits for vehicles, and certifications and temporary certificates for drivers. Such rules shall be consistent with this code and be designed to ensure that the public safety is protected, the public needs are met, and the public convenience is promoted.
- (8) In addition to requirements established by rule to obtain a license, each public passenger vehicle company must designate a registered agent who may be served with any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the company. The registered agent shall be an individual or business located in Eugene or Springfield, and must be available for service of legal process during all hours that the public passenger vehicle company is in operation.
- (9) The term for a license issued hereunder shall commence on January 1 and expire on December 31 of the year issued. The license fee for applications received after January 1 shall be prorated on the basis of that term. An application for extension or renewal of an existing license must be submitted by November 1, accompanied by the required license fee. Failure to submit the license fee with the extension or renewal application, or to pay the same before the end of the current license term may result in the licensee being required to submit a new application and pay an application fee. A licensee who submits an extension or renewal application after November 1 may be assessed a penalty fee of \$10 per day for each day between November 1 and the date the application is submitted.

*(Section 3.345, formerly Section 3.878, added by Ordinance No. 19338, enacted June 26, 1985, effective July 26, 1985; renumbered and amended by Ordinance No. 19737, enacted December 10, 1990, effective February 1, 1991; administratively amended by Ordinance No. 19742, enacted January 14, 1991; amended by Ordinance No. 19845, enacted April 27, 1992; and Ordinance No. 19929, enacted September 13, 1993, effective October 13, 1993.)*

